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APPENDIX II.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 1584 asked by Sri M. Kalyanasundaram at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 23rd March 1955, page 218 supra.]

Statement showing the action taken on the representations made by the Lignite Mines National Workers' Union and the Lignite Mines Labour Union, Neyveli.

1. LIGNITE MINES NATIONAL WORKERS' UNION.

Representations.	*Action taken.*
(1) The union may be accorded recognition.	(1) This is separately under consideration.
(2) The workers should be granted permanent status.	(2) As the project is a temporary pilot project the question of granting permanent status does not arise.
(3) The wages of the workers should be fixed with reference to their skill, previous experience and educational qualification.	(3) This is being done.
(4) First-aid facilities should be made available for injured workers.	(4) This is being given and a full-time doctor is available.
(5) Fifteen days privilege leave and fifteen days' casual leave per year should be granted to the workers.	(5) Leave is granted according to the Standing Rules framed for the Pilot Scheme.
(6) Sick leave should be granted to the workers.	(6) This is being given according to the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.
(7) Sanitary facilities should be provided for the workers.	(7) This is being attended to. There is already a Sanitary Inspector in the project.
(8) A months notice should be given before effecting retrenchment of staff.	(8) This is under consideration.
(9) Cheap food and tiffin should be made available to the workers through the canteen.	(9) Wages have been fixed according to the local conditions and supply of food and tiffin at concessional rates does not arise.
(10) The workers should be provided free transport from their residence to the place of work,	(10) This is being done with due regard to the need and economy.

2. LIGNITE MINES LABOUR UNION.

(11) The pilot scheme is being dragged on unnecessarily.	(11) This is not true. The excavation work in the pilot quarry has been completed for the present and certain essential ground-water investigations are in progress.
(12) There is discrimination in wages and treatment between North Indian labourers and South Indian labourers.	(12) This is not correct.
(13) No Muslim is appointed in the project and that the Muslims already working in the Project are being discharged from service.	(13) Do.
(14) The machinery and equipment are not maintained properly resulting in expenditure and loss to Government.	(14) Do.

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Representations.	*Action taken.*
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(15) The services of senior and experienced departmental men deputed for work in the Project were not properly utilized.	(15) This is not correct. Persons are posted to sections where they will be able to do useful work.
(16) There is no real progress in the excavation side of the pilot quarry.	(16) This is not correct. The excavation work has ended on 9th December 1954 and no machine work is possible.
(17) The union has not been recognized ..	(17) See remark in item (1) above.
(18) The operators and other workers are being discharged when the quarry operations have not been completed.	(18) The operators were discharged as the excavation work has been completed. The workers employed in drilling or boring operations are being kept on in service for the further investigation of the ground-water position.

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